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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady with majority prices in the major terminal markets trending unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service was light to moderately good. Supplies were irregular, generally lighter sizes were available in the East, but mostly desirable elsewhere. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate and usually limited to immediate needs. Tenders were in good balance and dark meat was sufficient to close balance. Breast items and wings were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 14-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	59.00-74.00	65.82	29
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	62.00-79.00	73.43	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
995	69.50-75.75	73.54

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00	1,288
BREASTS - B/S	162.50	5,704
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,349
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	995
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	6,999
WINGS	123.50	2,951

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago market area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryers market tone was steady. Small bird offerings very light, larger weights light to moderate for light to fair trade call. Retail demand was spotty, slow to fair for most part. Food service covered the whole range, best into fast food and anticipation of good demand into restaurants for weekend. Floor stocks short to fully adequate with weights trending heavy. Parts interest was moderate on dark meat cuts, very light on breast cuts outside of tenders. Supplies of leg quarters, thighs, dark meats, and tenderloins were in balance to close; wings available and remaining items ample. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts and tenderloins; steady with a weak undertone on wings; barely steady to weak on breast items.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into retail and fast food was generally moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs but clearing. In the parts structure, movement was light to fairly good with best movement on tenders and thigh meat. Breast items and wings were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices, however new negotiations were mixed. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall best where

featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady to fully steady on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): **ARIZONA** - whole body 59, roster 99, cornish hens 22 ounces 289 each, boneless breast 299-529, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 676, split breast 199-249, boneless thigh 199-249, leg quarters 99, thigh 79 and 4# bag IQF 350, drumstick 79 and 4# bag IQF 350, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 599-699, barbeque leg quarter 100 each, rotisserie 499-599 each); **COLORADO** - whole body buy one get one free, whole cut-up 129, roaster 99, boneless breast 299-399, boneless breast 3# bag IQF 507 and 4# bag IQF 999, boneless breast tenders 3# bag IQF 899, split breast 199, boneless thigh 299, drumstick 79, thigh 79, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 599-699); **IDAHO** - roaster 99, cornish hens 20 ounce each 2 for 550, boneless breast 299, boneless breast 4# bag IQF 676, split breast 4# bag IQF 499, drumstick 79, thigh 79, boneless breast fillets 188, (deli food service - breast tenders 399, rotisserie 599); **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** - whole body 79-89, whole cut-up 149, whole body organic 259 and free range 169, roaster 169, boneless breast 199-399 and 4# bag IQF 796, boneless breast fillets 399, split breast organic 279 and free range 379, boneless thigh free range 299, boneless thigh 269 and 4# bag IQF 599, whole leg 169, thigh 169); **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** - whole body 67-79, whole cut-up 149-159, cornish hen 168-199, boneless breast 177-499, boneless leg meat 99-138, split breast 97-149, leg quarter 79, leg quarter seasoned 89, leg quarter 10# bag 390, thigh 87-129, drumstick 59-129, (deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 499, 8 piece drumstick/thigh combo 398, 24 piece drumstick/thigh combo 899, rotisserie 488 each).

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance to well cleared on the 3 pound and heavier sizes; smaller sizes were more than sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Tenders were clearing satisfactorily. Leg and leg quarters were in good balance. Wings were available.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally light and typical of the start of the lenten period. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared on the over 3.00 pound sizes; fully adequate on the balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate and included some spot downtime. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts were readily available. Legs, leg quarters and drums were adequate. Whole and boneless/skinless thighs were generally well cleared. Wings were ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE		67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		72.45
NO. OF BOXES		7,811
CUMULATIVE	02/07/05-02/11/05	72.42
	02/09/04-02/13/04	79.96
NO. OF BOXES	02/07/05-02/11/05	36,316
	02/09/04-02/13/04	36,252

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 11

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	740	130.00-215.00	-	143.20	670	136.00-147.00	142-146	142.46	3,468	151.25
TENDERLOINS	243	132.00-170.00	133-139	136.93	258	140.00-170.00	145-148	146.71	1,342	141.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.00-89.00	85-87	87.78	88	84.00-95.00	85-87	87.76	457	88.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	74.51
LEGS	48	38.00-51.00	-	40.17	TOO FEW TO REPORT				266	40.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	28.00-32.00	29-30	29.57	415	28.00-32.00	29-30	29.93	2,499	29.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,076	29.00-36.00	31	31.07	756	30.00-36.00	31-32	31.45	4,766	30.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	237	112.00-127.00	114-117	116.73	245	98.00-120.00	114-117	113.18	1,303	117.51
WINGS (CUT)	603	127.00-139.00	129-132	131.16	3,440	115.00-137.00	129-132	131.93	5,442	132.39
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				273	45.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				137	42.98
B/S THIGHS	130	90.00-97.00	-	96.00	TOO FEW TO REPORT				426	95.91
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR FEB 10, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.										

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50.00 - 55.50

52.29

49.50 - 55.50

52.69

51.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced; bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Tenderloins were in good balance. Leg and leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available. Movement through channels was no better than fair. Distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins, barely steady to weak on breast items. Other items were generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**			VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	159.44	711,933	155	159.32	716,890	160.92	3,255,836
TENDERLOINS	145	136.80	175,630	145	122.77	273,720	131.80	854,390
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	96.27	145,920	86-87	95.07	206,240	95.85	652,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	87.10	106,200	86	88.14	105,800	88.69	538,200
LEGS	44-45	43.68	253,040	44-45	45.28	324,040	44.29	1,159,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.77	347,175	30-31	30.14	484,049	30.44	1,754,117
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.60	128,640	30-31	38.17	173,360	37.77	668,730
THIGHS	37-38	46.05	39,000	37-38	45.59	81,120	46.14	278,120
B/S THIGHS	96-97	92.14	91,040	96-97	93.75	73,960	92.49	398,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	124.65	197,440	115-116	123.27	198,720	124.68	662,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	22,840	10-12	11.84	13,600	11.87	99,750
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.23	15,480	30-35	27.03	14,680	29.01	80,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.31	21,600	60-65	63.51	18,760	64.33	125,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
Alabama	4,113	4,022	3,789	3,787	5.20	5.33	4,045	5.30			FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	4,776	5,378	4,681	5,244	5.08	5.08	4,897	5.08			ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,001	2,242	2,234	2,207	5.50	5.58	2,167	5.43			HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,231	2,177	2,144	2,161	5.08	5.20	2,490	5.19			HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,034	3,007	2,931	2,921	5.70	5.49	3,045	5.58			DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,603	2,388	2,292	2,402	6.50	6.48	2,628	6.55			RABBITS WHOLE	
Texas	2,443	2,458	2,238	2,345	5.40	5.39	2,663	5.25			CUT UP	
Total	21,201	21,672	20,309	21,067	5.43	5.44	21,935	5.43				
Mon-Fri	106,434(A)						106,178(A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Feb-05 and 12-Feb-05 is estimated to be 31,719,000 head down 3.64 percent from a week ago and up 3.37 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 32,916,000, last year 30,684,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Feb-05 is estimated to be 153,738,000 head down 1.81 percent from a week ago, and up 0.81 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 156,566,000, last year 152,505,000)

<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
<b><u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u></b>		
		<b><u>RANGE</u></b>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	103-105
	DRY PACK	103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 29-Jan-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	27,796	21,860	47,871
Avg Weight	3.70	4.77	6.42
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%

#### Comparisons

Last week	23,677	17,831	49,856
Avg Weight	3.76	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%

Same week, yr ago /2	21,246	19,681	39,011
Avg Weight	3.78	4.73	6.49
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%

To date/2004	100,886	80,560	189,377
To date/2003	81,888	78,520	153,682

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 05-Feb-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	156,566	1,321	1,336	2,657	479
Avg Wt	5.35	3.32	8.09	5.72	6.53
Last week	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331	546
Same wk yr ago	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390	454
Avg Wt	5.22	3.07	8.25	5.83	6.41
To-date/2005	783,446	7,175	6,267	13,442	2,584
To-date/2004	768,502	6,604	6,346	12,950	2,240

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.5 million head, or 4.0 million less than estimated available.

#### GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Feb 8, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95 - 1.00	Silkie	2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .90	Geese 9-14 LBS	.40 - .45
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.35 - .40	Pigeons	2.90 - 2.95ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.95 - 1.10	White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.25ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.40
4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.10	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	2.00 - 3.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.80 - .90	Guinea Pigs	.05 - .40ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.80	Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Banty Roosters	3.75 - 4.00ea.		
Banty Hens	2.25 - 2.50ea.	Total Coops Sold	336

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY** FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-FEBRUARY-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.00	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.00	77.00-80.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was very good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Schedules full-time to over-time due to the Chinese New Year. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-FEBRUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139

#### ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
January	1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
	8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
Year to date		793.0	800.1	99%	
February	12		162.1		
	19		162.8		

#### BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	02/12/05	02/05/05	% CHG	02/14/04	% CHG
Broilers	153,738	156,566*	-1.81	152,505*	+0.81
Cattle	573	583	-02	606*	-05
Hogs	2,030	1,966	+03	1,973*	+03

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were adequate to about adequate and well cleared. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
28-33 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
30-35 MAJORITY 31-35	TOO FEW TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-11	8 -10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Supplies of light fowl were adequate for primary users. Processing schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** All prices unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-7	0-5

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-FEB-05

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to mostly less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

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